



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Inventor: Kwan-Lae Kim

Examiner: Bello, Augustin

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Title: **NODE STRUCTURE OF UPGRADEABLE WAVELENGTH  
DIVISION MULTIPLEXING SYSTEM**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 17, 2004, and concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the application as follows: